GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Certain allegations against PR Engineering Officials on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (v), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, S.N. Padu, Prakasam District – Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 329 **Dated: 16-06-2021.**
Read the following:-

1) Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.72 (1338/V&E/E/2016), dated:01-08-2017.
2) G.O.Rt.No.428, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:14-05-2018.
3) G.O.Rt.No.434, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:14-05-2018.
4) From the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, Vijayawada Lr.No.Vig.III/ 259990/2016, dated:20-08-2018 & 05-02-2019.
5) G.O.Rt.No.654, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dated:23-10-2019.
6) From the Superintending Engineer,PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.A1/371/2018, dated:22-11-2020.
7) Govt.Memo.No.9093/Vig-II/2017, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dt:19-3-2021.
8) From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.A1/371/2018, dated:06-04-2021.
9) Govt.Memo.No.9093/Vig-II/2017, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept.,Dt:26-05-2021.
10) From Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, DEE, PRISD, S.N.Padu, Prakasam District Dated:31-05-2021.

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ORDER:

In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule-24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing the following article of charges under Rule-20 of said rules against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE, PRISD, S.N. Padu, Prakasam District in respect of certain allegations on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (v), Maddipadu (M) Prakasam District, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, DEE., PRI., SD Santhanuthalapadu has committed grave irregularities in execution of Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (V), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.8,75,428/-, in contravention of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, in as much as he Check – measured the following two gravel roads which were of substandard quality without actually executing gravel sub base layers as per sanctioned estimate and the rejected value of GSB layer is Rs.1,03,154/- (Rs.76,400 + Rs.26,754):-

1) Mtc of road from D.Lakshminarayana House to SC burial ground

2) Mtc internal roads in SC colony in Yedugundlapadu Panchayat, Maddipadu Mandal.

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2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada among others, has furnished dated acknowledgement copy relating to service of charges on the charged officer. He has further informed that charged officer was submitted his written statement of defence and denied charges.

3. Since, the Written Statement of Defence has not been convincing, after examining the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer viz., Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE, PRI, SD S.N. Padu, Prakasam District and also against two (2) other co-charged officers viz., Sri G. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Engineer,(PR), MPP, Maddipadu(now expired) and Sri G. Ratan Babu, the the DEE, PRISD, S.N. Padu, now working as DEE, PRISD, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District involved in the case.

4. Accordingly, Government have issued orders in the reference 5th read above and appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole as the Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry against the above (3) charged officers. The Executive Engineer, PR, Ongole has been appointed as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority, therein.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer has submitted Inquiry Report along with his findings. It is observed that the analysis and findings of the Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry Report dt:22-11-2020, are not specific i.e., the charge framed against the Charged Officers is proved or not and the I.A has stated that the request of the Charged Officers for dropping the charge framed against them may be considered as there is no financial loss to the Govt., since the amounts were paid by the Gram Panchayat. Accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, remitted back the inquiry report to the S.E, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer with a direction to re-submit the Inquiry Report in proper shape along with his specific charge-wise findings in respect of all charged officers including expired officer.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer has submitted re-inquiry report and he has stated that the present one is in full shape duly attending all the issues as pointed out in the Government memo 7th read above. In the findings the Inquiry Officer in his Inquiry Report in respect of Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE, PRI, SD S.N. Padu, Prakasam District, has observed among others that, the recovery amount for deficiency in the thickness of unsealed gravel road laid on expansive sub grade soils should be considered the seasonable conditions (wear and tear), climatic conditions (floods and dry spells) and physical damages like trench cutting for public utilities, side drains after two years, life span of gravel road with respect to time lag. The involvement of Charged Officer is not proved. He has therefore, held the charges framed against the charged officer i.e., Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE., PRI, SD, Santhanuthalapadu, Prakasam District are not proved.

7. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer & Superintending Engineer, PR, Prakasam and to drop further action against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE., PRI, SD, Santhanuthalapadu, Prakasam District, in this matter.

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE., PRI, SD, Santhanuthalapadu, Prakasam District, in this matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, DEE., PRI, SD, Santhanuthalapadu,
Prakasam District (Through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (V&E) Department.
The PR & RD (Estt-I) Department – for taking necessary action
SF/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER